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**ATTORNEY GENERAL DARRELL MCGRAW AND THE  
UNITED STATES CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION  
PROMOTE NATIONAL HALLOWEEN SAFETY CAMPAIGN**

Attorney General Darrell McGraw wants every child to enjoy Halloween traditions safely. In a national effort to promote a safe and happy Halloween, Attorney General McGraw and the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission are holding a joint press conference to announce Halloween safety guidelines.

Each year many children are injured by improperly fitted costumes, candle burns and treats that were not examined prior to eating them. "Most holiday injuries can be prevented," said Attorney General McGraw. "The safety tips we are promoting are common sense rules that could save you and your family from unnecessary tragedy."

Attorney General McGraw and the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission believe the safest Halloween celebrations are parties organized by local community groups. Parents who choose to trick-or-treat door-to-door with their children are urged to follow the national safety guidelines.

**HALLOWEEN SAFETY GUIDELINES**

An adult should accompany children.

Carry flashlights to see and be seen. Use reflective tape on costumes.

Make sure costumes fit properly, provide adequate ventilation and visibility. Costumes should be made of flame resistant material.

Visit homes where the residents are known and have inside and outside lights on as a sign of welcome.

Treats should be wrapped and sealed. Warn children not to eat treats until they have been examined.

Examine novelty items and do not allow children under the age of three to have any items that are small enough to present a choking hazard.

Keep candles and jack-o'-lanterns away from locations where costumes could brush against the flame.

Remove obstacles from lawns, steps, and porches when expecting trick-or-treaters.

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